

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 34-35 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to capture the subject matter of originally filed claims 34-35. Claims 40-45 are added and hence claims 1-33 and 36-45 are pending. Applicants have amended Figure 5 to illustrate the highlighted changes as discussed on page 11 of the Specification. Applicants have amended the Specification to correct a typographical mistake as indicated above. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons stated below and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

Applicants note that claim 36 was not amended to overcome prior art but to be written in independent form. Hence, the amendment made to claim 36 was not narrowing in scope and therefore no prosecution history estoppel arises from the amendment to claim 36. *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 62 U.S.P.Q.2d 1705, 1711-12 (2002); 56 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1870 (Fed. Cir. 2000). Further, the amendment made to claim 36 was not made for a substantial reason related to patentability and therefore no prosecution history estoppel arises from such an amendment. *See Festo Corp.*, 62 U.S.P.Q.2d 1705 at 1707 (2002); *Warner-Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton Davis Chemical Co.*, 41 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1873 (1997).

Applicants appreciate the Examiner discussing the office action, and in particular the rejection to claim 1, with Applicants' attorney on April 28, 2004.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "using Microsoft Word 97" (hereinafter "Camarda"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons stated below and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

For a claim to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102, each and every claim limitation must be found within the cited prior art reference and arranged as required by the claim. M.P.E.P. §2131.

Applicants respectfully assert that Camarda does not disclose "viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more on-screen symbols indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document" as recited in claim 1 and similarly in claims 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45. The Examiner cites Figure 23.12 on page 657 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 2. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses the feature of "track changes" which underlines new text and marks deletions with strikethrough character formatting. Camarda further discloses that a user may assign colors for each reviewer. However, the document viewed by the viewer in Camarda is not an original version of the document. Instead, Camarda discloses that the viewer views an edited version of the original document that contains modifications to the original document which are indicated as underlined text and strikethrough text. Hence, Camarda does not disclose viewing an original version of a document with an on-screen symbol. Neither does Camarda disclose viewing an original version of a document with an on-screen symbol indicating a user who has saved changes to the original version of the shared document. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 1, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45; and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 1, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45. M.P.E.P. §2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu appears with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user" as recited in claim 15 and similarly in claims 16, 23, 24, 31 and 32. The Examiner cites Figure 23.21 on page 666 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 5. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses a dialog box that lists existing versions of a document. However, this menu is not displayed upon selection of an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. In fact, the dialog box is displayed by selecting the "file" menu and then, upon selecting the file menu, selecting the "versions" item in the file menu. There is no

language in the cited passage that discloses an on-screen symbol. Further, there is no language in the cited passage that discloses selecting an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. Further, there is no language in the cited passage of displaying a menu upon selection of an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 15, 16, 23, 24, 31 and 32, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 15, 16, 23, 24, 31 and 32. M.P.E.P. §2131.

Applicants respectfully assert that Camarda does not disclose "viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with a corresponding section of said selected version in one object, wherein said original version of said shared document comprises highlighted changes, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second particular user with respect to said original version of said shared document in said selected version of said shared document" as recited in claim 15 and similarly in claims 23 and 31. The Examiner cites to Figure 23.12 on page 657 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 6. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses a document with changes highlighted such as by underlining new text and striking through deleted text. Further, Figure 23.12 discloses viewing a section of a single document. Figure 23.12 does not disclose viewing at least a section of an original version with a corresponding section of a selected version in one object. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 15, 23 and 31, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 15, 23 and 31. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "selecting said indicator associated with said particular user, wherein upon selecting said indicator a menu is displayed with a list of one or more versions of said document authored by said particular user" as recited in claim 36. The Examiner cites a color as disclosing an indicator of a particular user. Paper No. 3, page 9. The Examiner further cites Figure 23.17 on page 663 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 9. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that a menu is not displayed upon selecting a color (Examiner asserts that a color discloses an indicator

of a particular user) associated with a reviewer as discussed on page 658. Further, Camarda discloses that if you hover your mouse pointer above a track change, Microsoft Word displays a screen tip containing the reviewer's name and whether the change consists of an insertion or a deletion. This is not the same as displaying a list of one or more versions of a document authored by a particular user. Further, there is no selection being made, but instead, the mouse pointer is hovering above a track change. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 36, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claim 36. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "opening said application by a first user, wherein said application is shared by multiple users simultaneously" as recited in claim 40 and similarly in claims 41 and 42.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "viewing an original version of said shared document with one or more on-screen icons indicating one or more users who have saved changes to said original version of said shared document" as recited in claim 43 and similarly in claims 44 and 45. Camarda does not disclose an on-screen icon. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 43, 44 and 45, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 43, 44 and 45. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "selecting an on-screen icon associated with one of said first and a second user" as recited in claim 43 and similarly in claims 44 and 45. Camarda does not disclose an on-screen icon. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 43, 44 and 45, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 43, 44 and 45. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "viewing at least a section of said original version of said shared document with highlighted changes in said single object, wherein said highlighted changes indicate changes made by one of said first and said second user associated with said selected on-screen icon with respect to said original version of said shared document" as recited in claim 43 and similarly in claims 44 and 45. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 43, 44 and 45, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 43, 44 and 45. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Claims 2-14, 17, 19-22, 25, 27-30, 33 and 37-39 each recite combinations of features including the above combinations, and thus are not anticipated for at least the above-stated reasons. Claims 2-14, 17, 19-22, 25, 27-30, 33 and 37-39 recite additional features, which, in combination with the features of the claims upon which they depend are not anticipated by Camarda.

For example, Camarda does not disclose "entering a user identification associated with said first particular user; and determining whether said first particular user has permission to open said shared document based on said user identification associated with said first particular user" as recited in claim 2. The Examiner cites page 660 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 3. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses that Microsoft Word lets reviewers edit the document, but marks all the changes they make using the "Track Changes" feature. Tracking changes that a user makes to a document is not the same as entering a user identification associated with a particular user. Further, there is no language in the cited passage that discloses a determination as to whether a particular user has permission to open a document. Further, there is no language in the cited passage that discloses determining whether a particular user has permission to open a shared document based on the user identification entered. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 2, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claim 2. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "wherein upon selecting said particular on-screen symbol associated with one of said first and said second particular user a menu is displayed with a list of one or more versions of said shared document authored by said first or said second particular user" as recited in claim 3 and similarly in claims 19 and 27. The Examiner cites Figure 23.21 on page 666 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 3. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses a dialog box that lists existing versions of a document. However, this menu is not displayed upon selection of an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. In fact, the dialog box is displayed by selecting the "file menu", and then upon selecting the file menu selecting the "versions" item listed in the menu. There is no language

in the cited passage that discloses an on-screen symbol. Further, there is no language in the cited passage as selecting an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. Further, there is no language in the cited passage of displaying a menu upon selection of an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 3, 19 and 27, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claims 3, 19 and 27. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "determining whether said first particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with said first particular user indicating that said first particular user has edited said shared document" as recited in claim 6. The Examiner cites Figure 23.17 on page 663 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 3. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses that if you hover your mouse point above a track change, Microsoft Word displays a ScreenTip containing the reviewer's name and whether the change consists of an assertion or a deletion. However, this is not the same as determining whether a particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with that user. There is no determination step disclosed. Neither does the cited passage disclose an on-screen symbol associated with a user. Further, there is no language in the cited passage that discloses determining whether a particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with that user that indicates that the user has edited the shared document. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 6, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claim 6. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "creating an on-screen symbol associated with said first particular user" as recited in claim 7. The Examiner cites page 659 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 4. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses that the user has the capability of assigning permanent colors to individual members of a team so that one may be able to determine who made each revision. However, this is not the same as creating an on-screen symbol. Assigning colors is not the same as an on-screen symbol. Further, there is no language in the cited passage of creating an on-screen symbol associated with a particular user. Thus,

Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 7, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claim 7. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "determining whether said first particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with said first particular user indicating that said first particular user has edited said shared document" as recited in claim 11. The Examiner cites to Figure 23.17 of page 663 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 4. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses that if you hover your mouse pointer above a track change, Microsoft Word displays a "ScreenTip" containing the reviewer's name and whether the change consists of an insertion or a deletion. This language is not the same as determining whether a particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with that user. There is no determination step disclosed in the cited passage. Further, there is no language in the cited passage that discloses determining whether a particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with that user indicating that the user has edited the shared document. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 11, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claim 11. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Applicants further assert that Camarda does not disclose "wherein if there is no on-screen symbol associated with said first particular user then the method further comprises the step of: creating an on-screen symbol associated with said first particular user" as recited in claim 12. The Examiner cites page 659 of Camarda as disclosing the above-cited claim limitation. Paper No. 3, page 5. Applicants respectfully traverse and assert that Camarda instead discloses permanently assigning colors to individual members of a team. There is no language in the cited passage of a determination step in determining whether a particular user has an on-screen symbol associated with that user. Further, there is no language in the cited passage that discloses creating an on-screen symbol if there is no on-screen symbol associated with that user. Assigning colors to individual members of a team is not the same as creating an on-screen symbol. Further, there is no language in the cited passage of creating an on-screen symbol associated with a user who did not previously have an on-screen symbol associated with that user. Thus, Camarda does not disclose all of

the limitations of claim 12, and thus Camarda does not anticipate claim 12. M.P.E.P. § 2131.

As a result of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully assert that not each and every claim limitation was found within the cited prior art reference, and thus claims 1-33 and 36-45 are not anticipated by Camarda.

II. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 1-33 and 36-45 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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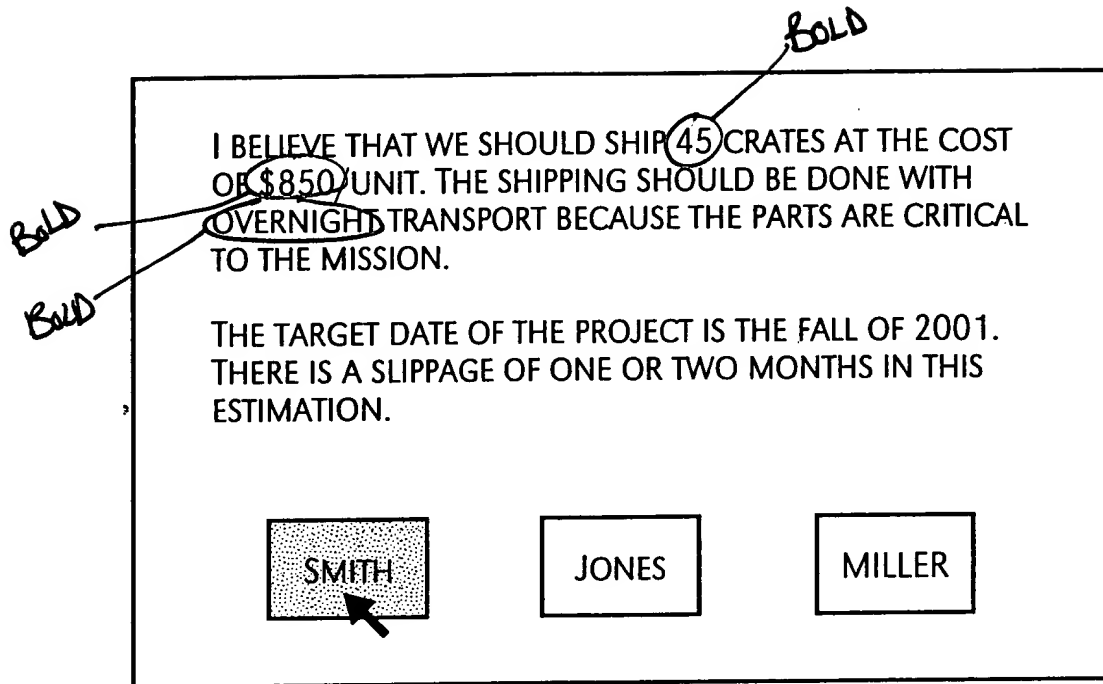


Fig. 5

